



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB)

Minutes

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Chairperson Pat Ford.

Members Present: John Patrick Ford, Millie Acasio, Sam Duran, Leane Marchese, Sharon McColl, Floyd Willis, Rosemary White-Pope **Excused Absences:** Dolli Cutler, Madeline Paul, Donald Steele, Cheryl Wilson **Unexcused Absences:** William Liu **Staff Present:** Diana Gray, Mona Jagtiani **Guests:** Jean Cameron, Bobbie Christensen, Donna Cleary, Kristi Fenick, Bill Levin

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the September 7, 2005 Senior Affairs Advisory Board meeting were approved with the addition of two guest names added as being in attendance. Sharon McColl moved that the minutes be approved with the addition of guests Kevin Casey and Sari Hammerling added to the minutes as Guests who attended the September 7th meeting. Leane Marchese seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Modifications to the Agenda:

Jean Cameron of San Diego's Planning Department presented information on the City of San Diego Draft General Plan. The City's General Plan is a 20 to 30 year document that provides a vision, core values and policy guidance to balance the needs of a growing city while enhancing quality of life for current and future San Diegans. There are nine (9) elements within the new General Plan: 1) Strategic Framework and Land Use, 2) Mobility, 3) Urban Design, 4) Economic Prosperity, 5) Public Facilities, Services, and Safety, 6) Recreation, 7) Conservation, 8) Noise, and 9) Housing. The City has been working on the current draft for 2 years with a target date of June 2006 when the plan is slated for adoption.

There is a window of opportunity between now and January to provide input and anyone can provide input. On October 14, 2005, the draft will be on the City's website. There will be a place to provide input on the website or Jean Cameron will be available to answer questions at (619) 533-5954.

The Senior Affairs Advisory Board will set up the November SAAB board meeting to work on possible input to the City's Draft General Plan.

Presentation by Donna Cleary, Project Manager for Medicare Access Network:

Donna has been involved with this Medicare Prescription Network Public Affairs Campaign. She provides training for trainers and actively promotes Medicare Part D. Specific targets of the outreach are to the average seniors, care providers, physicians, and patient care groups. It's a very expansion program that is evolving and making changes all the time.

Donna addressed the SAAB board in September 2005 when she initially presented information on Medicare Part D. Donna was invited back to pass on information about the roll-out of the program and to give an update. This is important as the program is evolving and making changes all the time. Computer Enrollment is scheduled for October 14, 2005 and there will be enrollment at actual sites on November 15, 2005.

Bobbie Christensen of the San Diego Housing Commission:

Bobbie Christensen representing the San Diego Housing Commission and standing in for Cissy Fisher detailed information on how the Housing Commission works with the City. Ms. Christensen relayed information on Inclusionary Housing, Housing Trust Fund and about Housing Commissions Affordable Housing programs.

On an annual basis, the San Diego Housing Commission provides rental assistance to 12,400 people through San Diego's Section 8 program. The average wait for Section 8 housing is 7 years. There are 3,500 seniors on the program. One critical area that is lagging in San Diego Affordable Housing is the fact that there has been no new public housing built here in the past 10 years. Of the 1,457 public units, 350 are occupied by seniors.

To get a better understanding of how the San Diego Housing Commission works, Ms. Christensen described the relationship between the organization and the City of San Diego. The City acts as the CEO of the Housing Commission.

Approximately 10% of Inclusionary Housing Units will be slated for low to moderate income families and individuals. Roughly 20% of these units must be affordable housing in North County. Most of these are rental. While some developers are building affordable housing, many are choosing to pay the in-lieu fees.

New Business:**SAAB Meeting with Jerry Sanders:**

Leane Marchese, Cheryl Wilson, and Pat Ford, the SAAB president, met with Mayoral Candidate Jerry Sanders. Mr. Sanders communicated to the group that he wants SAAB to continue. Under his direction, if he is elected, there will be a liaison to the Mayor's Office for SAAB.

Old Business:

All Old Business was tabled at this time due to time constraint. Reports will be given at the next meeting.

Housing Committee (Cheryl Wilson):

Transportation Committee (Floyd Willis):

AIS Advisory Council Report (Dolli Cutler):

Public Comment:

None

Announcement(s):

Pat Ford announced that the November 2005 SAAB board meeting would be used as a working session to derive a game plan for the coming year. Pat wants to include a discussion on how SAAB is going to work with the Intergovernmental department.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Chairperson: Patrick Ford

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